

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 67-73, 75-82, 84-91, 93-100, 102-109, 111-118, 120, and 122-128 are pending.

Claims 1-60 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 61-66, 74, 83, 92, 101, 110, 119, and 121 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 69-73, 79-82, 88-91, 97-100, 106-109, and 115-118 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claims 67-120 and 122-128.

Claim Objections

Claims 71-74, 80-83, 90-92, 98-101, 108-110, and 117-119 stand objected to for not defining all of the elements in the equations recited in the respective claims.

Applicants have canceled claims 74, 83, 92, 101, 110, and 119, thus rendering the objections with respect to claims 74, 83, 92, 101, 110, and 119 moot.

Applicants have amended claims 71-73, 80-82, 90-91, 98-100, 108-109, and 117-118 and submit that claims 71-73, 80-82, 90-91, 98-100, 108-109, and 117-118 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 61-62, 64 and 65 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,999,897 to Yeldener. Claims 61-62, 64, and 65 have been cancelled, thus rendering the rejections with respect to claims 61-62, 64, and 65 moot.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 63, 66, and 121 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeldener in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,455,888 to Iyengar et al. Claims 63, 66, and 121 have been cancelled, thus rendering the rejections with respect to claims 63, 66, and 121 moot.

CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Final Office Action dated March 14, 2006 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 67-73, 75-82, 84-91, 93-100, 102-109, 111-118, 120, and 122-128 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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